

**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY
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NOMINEE FOR CHAIR-ELECT

JAMES L. PEARSON, Dr.P.H.

Deputy Director for Consolidated Laboratory Services Virginia Department of General Services

Dr. James L. Pearson is Director of the Virginia Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services (DCLS). DCLS is the Virginia State Laboratory, and serves as the testing laboratory for 26 state agencies, including the Departments of Environmental Quality, Agriculture and Consumer Services, and Health. Dr. Pearson previously served as the Director of Consolidated Laboratories in the North Dakota Department of Health and Consolidated Laboratories, and as the North Dakota State Epidemiologist. He has degrees from the College of Agriculture, North Dakota State University (B.S. in Microbiology) and the School of Public Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (M.P.H. and Dr.P.H.), and has done additional studies at the CDC. He holds faculty appointment as a clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Community Medicine and Rural Health, University of North Dakota School of Medicine. Dr. Pearson began his involvement with national environmental laboratory accreditation with the State/EPA focus group, was Chair of the NELAC *ad hoc* Coordination Committee, and currently is a member of the NELAC Board of Directors. He is also on the Board of Directors of the Association of State and Territorial Public Health Laboratory Directors, is Chair of the ASTPHLD Human Retrovirus Testing Committee, previously chaired the ASTPHLD Environmental Health Committee and is Virginia's Representative to NELAC.

NOMINEE FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

SYLVIA “SILKY” S. LABIE

Administrator, Quality Assurance Section Florida Department of Environmental Protection

Silky Labie is the Administrator of the Quality Assurance Section and the Quality Assurance Officer for the Department of Environmental Protection. She has been in this position since 1989. She developed the Department Quality Assurance Rules and oversees drafting and codifying all QA documents including the Department's Standard Operating Procedures Manual for Laboratory Analysis and Field Sampling. Before joining the Quality Assurance Section, she spent 15 years as a chemist in the Department's Environmental Chemistry Laboratory and the Department of Agriculture's Food Laboratory. Ms. Labie has been involved with the NELAC process since 1993, beginning as a co-chair of the Quality Systems Committee for the EPA/State Focus Group. She has served as the chair for the Quality Systems Standing Committee since 1995. She takes an active role in local environmental issues, and is a member of the Leon County Science Advisory Committee, whose charge is to provide scientifically based recommendations on environmental issues to the Leon County Commission. Ms. Labie received her B.S. degree in Chemistry and Biology from Phillips University, and completed all course work for a doctorate in Marine Toxicology at Florida State University.

Second Member-at-Large will be nominated in the near future.